

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over HAMAGISHI (5,855,425) in view of SUDO et al. (EP 0 899 969). The rejection is traversed for at least the reasons set forth below.

Office Action states that “since the terms of “fixed” and “sufficiently large” used in the claims are not specific and therefore, can be interpreted as the holes in Sudo’s pinhole panel, which are “sufficiently large” and also “fixed” in term of “not change” in form. Although Examiner agrees that the invention as disclosed is patentable distinct from the teaching of Sudo and Hamagishi, however, Applicant should use the language that are more specific in term in the claims to make it distinct to the teaching of the cited references.”

By the foregoing amendment Applicants have amended claim 1 in order to make it distinct to the teaching of the cited references. No new matter is added.

Accordingly withdrawing of the rejection and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

II. Clams 4 and 5

Claims 4 and 5 have been allowed.

III. Objection

Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicants submit that claims 5-8 depending from base claim 1 are also allowable for at least the reasons that base claim 1 is allowable as discussed above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The undersigned has been given limited recognition by the Director to prosecute as an attorney this application under 37 C.F.R. §10.9(a). A copy of the document granting limited recognition under 37 C.F.R. §10.9(b) is concurrently filed for recordation purpose.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. KAK-0006 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b)

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